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*We need to know if there is an interest in an Immunization class in mid-summer of 2017.  
Please contact us if you would be interested at 580-774-3760.*

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## RECALLS

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## SHORTAGES

- o <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/drugshortages/default.cfm>

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<a href="#">Calcium Gluconate Injection</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
<a href="#">Cefepime Injection</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
<a href="#">Cefotaxime Sodium (Claforan) Injection</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
<a href="#">Cefotetan Disodium Injection</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
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<a href="#">Epinephrine Injection, 1 mg/mL</a>	<i>Resolved</i>
<a href="#">Estradiol Valerate Injection, USP</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
<a href="#">Ethiodized Oil (Lipiodol) Injection</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
<a href="#">Etoposide Phosphate (Etopophos) Injection</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
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<a href="#">Methyldopate Hydrochloride Injection</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
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<a href="#">Multi-Vitamin Infusion (Adult and Pediatric)</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
<a href="#">Mupirocin Calcium Nasal Ointment</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
<a href="#">Nimodipine (Nymalize) Oral Solution</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>

<a href="#">Nitrous Oxide, Gas</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
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<a href="#">Theophylline Extended Release Tablets and Capsules</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
<a href="#">Tigecycline (Tygacil) Injection</a>	<i>Currently in Shortage</i>
<a href="#">Tobramycin Injection</a>	<i>Resolved</i>
<a href="#">Tretinoin Capsules</a>	<i>Resolved</i>
<a href="#">Trimipramine Maleate (SURMONTIL) Capsules</a>	<i>Resolved</i>
<a href="#">Vancomycin Hydrochloride for Injection, USP</a>	<i>Resolved</i>
<a href="#">Water-Miscible Vitamin A Palmitate (Aquasol A Parenteral)</a>	<i>Resolved</i>

## DRUGS

- **Aspirin may help increase pregnancy chances in women with high inflammation, NIH study finds**
  - <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/aspirin-may-help-increase-pregnancy-chances-women-high-inflammation-nih-study-finds>
- **Food, Juice, and Drugs: Hold the Grapefruit**
  - <http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/drug-topics/news/food-juice-and-drugs-hold-grapefruit?GUID=4E10CEE7-7762-4945-BD54-02AD876BC4C3&rememberme=1&ts=09022017>
- **Qnasl Nasal Aerosol**
  - [http://marketing.pharmacytimes.com/acton/rif/27581/s-0033-1702/-/l-0009:6fc6/l-0009/showPreparedMessage?utm\\_term=Click%20here&utm\\_campaign=QNASL\\_Custom\\_eBlast\\_4%202-7-17&utm\\_content=email&utm\\_source=Act-On+Software&utm\\_medium=email&cm\\_mmc=Act-On%20Software-\\_-email-\\_-2017%20Express%20Scripts%20Formulary%20Update%3A%20Nasal%20Sprays-\\_-Click%20here&sid=TV2:5FbnhWOqP](http://marketing.pharmacytimes.com/acton/rif/27581/s-0033-1702/-/l-0009:6fc6/l-0009/showPreparedMessage?utm_term=Click%20here&utm_campaign=QNASL_Custom_eBlast_4%202-7-17&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email&cm_mmc=Act-On%20Software-_-email-_-2017%20Express%20Scripts%20Formulary%20Update%3A%20Nasal%20Sprays-_-Click%20here&sid=TV2:5FbnhWOqP)
- **ASIPP: Opioid Prescribing Guidelines for Chronic, Non-Cancer Pain**
  - [http://www.empr.com/features/narcotics-opioids-pain-methadone-american-society-of-interventional-pain-physicians/article/639937/?DCMP=EMC-MPR\\_DailyDose\\_cp&cpn=Pharm&hmSubId=07oGyhXy0c1&NID=&c\\_id=&dl=0&spMailingID=16631800&spUserID=NDgyNTEwMTE5NjY5S1&spJobID=961888053&spReportId=OTYxODg4MDUzS0](http://www.empr.com/features/narcotics-opioids-pain-methadone-american-society-of-interventional-pain-physicians/article/639937/?DCMP=EMC-MPR_DailyDose_cp&cpn=Pharm&hmSubId=07oGyhXy0c1&NID=&c_id=&dl=0&spMailingID=16631800&spUserID=NDgyNTEwMTE5NjY5S1&spJobID=961888053&spReportId=OTYxODg4MDUzS0)

## HOSPITAL

### FDA

- **FDA Approves 2 New Options for Asthma Treatment**
  - <http://www.consultant360.com/exclusives/fda-approves-2-new-options-asthma-treatment>
- **Diabetes Drug Label Change**
  - <http://www.managedhealthcareconnect.com/content/trulicity-label-change>
- **FDA Approves Psoriasis Systemic Therapy**
  - <http://www.managedhealthcareconnect.com/content/systemic-psoriasis-drug-approved>

## IMMUNIZATIONS

- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/index.html>
- **Herpes Zoster (Shingles) Vaccine**
  - [https://quantiamd.com/player/ybcmvccm?u=&r=y&partner=q&m=170113\\_digestcases\\_InfectiousD\\_act&rgid=5&utm\\_source=adhoc%20email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ct-crosspromotion\\_wf-manual\\_fq-adhoc\\_cp-quantiamd-20170120&utm\\_content=1239156&utm\\_term=](https://quantiamd.com/player/ybcmvccm?u=&r=y&partner=q&m=170113_digestcases_InfectiousD_act&rgid=5&utm_source=adhoc%20email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ct-crosspromotion_wf-manual_fq-adhoc_cp-quantiamd-20170120&utm_content=1239156&utm_term=)
- **Adult Immunization Vaccine Schedule Approved for 2017**
  - <http://www.consultant360.com/exclusives/adult-immunization-vaccine-schedule-approved-2017>
- **Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger, UNITED STATES, 2017**
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>
- **Influenza Activity Continues: Are Your Patients Protected?**
  - [https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/FFSPProvPartProg/Provider-Partnership-Email-Archive-Items/2017-02-16-eNews.html?DLPage=1&DLEntries=10&DLSort=0&DLSortDir=descending#\\_Toc474994228](https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/FFSPProvPartProg/Provider-Partnership-Email-Archive-Items/2017-02-16-eNews.html?DLPage=1&DLEntries=10&DLSort=0&DLSortDir=descending#_Toc474994228)
- **US flu vaccine a good match; season moderate so far**
  - [http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_MED\\_FLU\\_VACCINE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-02-16-14-15-38](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_MED_FLU_VACCINE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-02-16-14-15-38)
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  - <http://www.pharmacist.com/article/influenza-vaccines-target-only-half-effective>
- **Investigational PfSPZ malaria vaccine demonstrates considerable protection in Malian adults for duration of malaria season**
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## INSURANCE

- Health Choice Notice



Adding to the already extended wait time at the call center, our claims administrator is receiving a large amount of calls from providers' collection agencies requesting claim details. As network providers, you should work directly with your collection business partners to provide them the details required in relation to claim payment and remittance advice details. Our claims administrator has been instructed to inform collection agencies they should refer to the remittance advices and then call back if they have questions about them.

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## NEWS

- **Why consumers trust pharmacists**
  - <http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/drug-topics/news/why-consumers-trust-pharmacists?cfcache=true&GUID=EC22DC7A-8C9E-4231-BAFB-C4E25C30003B&rememberme=1&ts=21012017>
- **Five articles on Diabetes from Drug Topics**
  - <http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/tag/diabetes-pharmacy?cfcache=true&GUID=4E10CEE7-7762-4945-BD54-02AD876BC4C3&rememberme=1&ts=23012017>
- **Five Innovative New Products for Diabetes**
  - <http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/drug-topics/news/five-innovative-new-products-diabetes>
- **Continuous Glucose Monitoring Continues to Show Promise: Studies**
  - <http://www.managedhealthcareconnect.com/content/continuous-glucose-monitoring-continues-show-promise-studies>
- **CDC: Flu now widespread in 37 states**
  - <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2017/01/cdc-flu-now-widespread-37-states>
- **Flu Shot May Curb Respiratory Infections in People With Heart Failure**
  - <https://consumer.healthday.com/infectious-disease-information-21/flu-news-314/flu-shot-may-curb-respiratory-infections-in-people-with-heart-failure-719188.html>
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- **China Announces Scheduling Controls of Carfentanil and other Fentanyl Compounds**
  - <https://www.dea.gov/divisions/hq/2017/hq021717.shtml>